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Social Audit of Works under MGNREGS
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Will the Minister of RURAL DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government is promoting social audit of works under Mahatma Gandhi National Rural Employment Guarantee Scheme (MGNREGS);

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether Gram Sabhas would be involved in this regard and if so, the details thereof; and

(d) whether any training is being imparted to the members to implement the scheme successfully and if so, the details thereof?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RURAL DEVELOPMENT
(SHRI RAM KRIPAL YADAV)

(a) & (b): In order to strengthen social audits of Mahatma Gandhi National Rural Employment Guarantee Scheme (MGNREGS), the Ministry in consultation with the C&AG notified the Audit of Scheme Rules, 2011. 24 States have established independent Social Audit Unit (SAU). A 30 days certification course for the resource persons engaged by the Social Audit Units (SAUs) has been initiated by the Ministry to train and strengthen the process of social audits in the MGNREGS.

(c): The Audit of Scheme Rules, 2011, states that the Social Audit Unit (SAU) will facilitate the conduct of social audit by Gram Sabhas. The social audit team's findings are discussed in the Gram Sabha held at the end of each social audit exercise in the Gram Panchayat.

(d): The Ministry has initiated a 30 days' certification course for all SAUs' State Resource Persons, District Resource Persons and Block Resource Persons. The course has been drawn on the recommendations of the Joint Task Force on Social Audits and the O/o C&AG. A total of 3,100 resource persons have been trained under this initiative. Moreover, the Ministry has developed a 4 days' training manual to train Village Resource Persons in the conduct of Social Audit of MGNREGS. The manual has been circulated amongst the State SAUs.

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